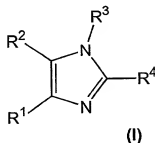


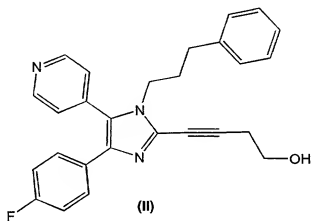
ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a process for preparing tetrasubstituted imidazole derivatives of the general formula (I)



wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined in the specification below.

The present invention further relates to a process for preparing the compound of formula (II)



and novel crystalline structures of the compound of formula (II).